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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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CHIEN et al.

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For: METHOD OF SURFACE PRETREATMENT BEFORE SELECTIVE EPITAXIAL

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Introductory Comments

Director of the U.S. PTO P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

February 14, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 12, 2004, please amend the above-titled application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.